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SUBJ: VISIT OF USDA'S RESEARCH TEAM TO HUNGARY

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1. SUMMARY: U.S. RESEARCH TEAM, LED BY EDMINISTER OF ARS, VISITED HUNGARY NOV 30-DEC 2, TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE-US-HUNGARIAN COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE. TALKS FOCUSED ON IDENTIFYING AREAS OF WORK FROM WHICH BOTH SIDES COULD BENEFIT. QUESTION ON LINK-EAGE BETWEEN AGREED PROGRAMS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF OVERALL EX-CHANGE AGREEMENT WAS NOT DISCUSSED. AGATTACHE JOINED US TEAM DURING ITS TRIP. END SUMMARY.

2. US TEAM FIRST MET OFFICIALS IN HUNGARIAN MIN AG. BOTH SIDES RECOGNIZED AT OUTSET EXISTENCE CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT COOPERATION AMONG VARIOUS UNIVERSITIES AND INSTITUTIONS OF TWO COUNTRIES. THIS INCLUDES EXCHANGE OF SECOND HAND INFORMATION IN VARIOUS RESEARCH FIELDS.

3. HUNGARIANS EXPLAINED ORGANIZATION OF THEIR AGRICULTURAL
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RESEARCH ACTIVITIES WHICH WAS CARRIED OUT UNDER AUSPICES OF MING. AG., AS WELL AS UNDER HUNGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. DURING TALKS, HUNGARIANS, SUGGESTED RESEARCH IN THREE GENERAL AREAS WHICH THEY THOUGHT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST OTO BOTH SIDES:
(A) FRUITS AND VEGETABLES; (B) SMALL ANIMAL BREEDING; AND
(C) PLANT PROTECTION.

4. FOLLOWING MEETING WITH MIN. AG M OFFICIALS, TEAM VISITED THREE RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS: (A) ONE OF HORTICULTURAL RESEARCH AT BUDATENTENY NEAR BUDAPEST; (B) A RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR SMALL ANIMAL BREEDING (RABBITS AND POULTRY) AT GODOLLO; AND (C) AN INSTITUTE FOR PLANT PROTECTION IN BUDAPEST. TEAM GREATLY IMPRESSED WITH HIGH QUALITY WORK AND WELL QUALIFIED RESEARCH SCIENTISTS. MOST SPOKE GOOD ENGLISH.

5. EDMINISTER MADE CLEAR HE WAS NOT IN HUNGARY TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENT FOR JOINT RESEARCH AND EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS. HE INTENDED LEARN ANDESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH LEADING HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS AND RESEARCH PERSONNEL. HE SAID HE WILL GO BACK TO DISCUSS HIS EXPERIENCE IN HUNGARY WITH HIS EXPERTS AND HOPED THIS WOULD TRIGGER CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE WORK.

6. COMMENT: SINCE HUNGARIANS KNEW OBJECTIVE US TEAM VISIT, THEY DID NOT PRESS QUESTION OF IMPLEMENTATION COOPERATION AGREEMENT SIGNED EARLIER BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. BOTH SIDES MADE CLEAR FUNDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESENT TO COMMIT EITHER SIDE TO FUTURE PROGRAMS. NEVERTHELESS, BOTH SIDES WELL SATISFFIED WITH VISIT AND AGREED THAT ESTABLISHED CONTACTS WILL PROVE VALUABLE FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE COOPERATION IN FIELD OF AGRICULTURE.

7 CONTENT OF MESSAGE DISCUSSED WITH EDMINISTER BUT NOT CLEARED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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